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THIS'N THAT

► **Our new Safety Officer is Ed Dumas. Welcome aboard, Ed.**

► As the flying season gets closer, I'm getting some pictures of field activities. Here is a picture sent by Randy Philipps of Steve Jones, considered the best dentist in Knoxville by some, holding the Attila that Phil Cope built from a Flair kit donated by Larry Hayes.



► And another picture sent by Randy of a set of Phoenix Decathlons taken at the field on May, 2nd. Randy said the field was crowded, with all setup tables occupied. Decathlon owners were Randy Philipps, Ralph



Colon, Ralph Holder and Rick Thompson. Beautiful models and apparently a good flyer.

► I mentioned in the last issue that the Flair company that produced the Attila was a European company that I thought might have folded because I no longer saw their kits in the usual market places. Dan Toombs sent me a catch-up note saying that Radical RC (www.radicalrc.com) in Dayton, Ohio, still sells their kits. I looked and they do have several of the kits, including the Hannibal. For anyone looking for a giant (91" wing span) slow flying beauty, this is one..The kit is pretty complete; the one I built had a big aluminum cowl included.. Takes a lot of covering but the Hobby King covering does great and is cheap.

I flew mine with an old 1.20 Enya four stroke and it did OK. A Supertigre 2500 didn't improve things very much. A small gas engine should do the trick nicely.

I tried to find a picture of my Hannibal but got tired of looking, so I'll show you a different Flair model. This is the Fokker triplane kit called the Baronette.. It flew great and looked spectacular in the air.. It nearly always flipped over on landing though.



► Eric Waluska found this video that you might find useful for repairing foamies....Jim 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdaYmuLGei8&feature=em-subst_digest-vrecs

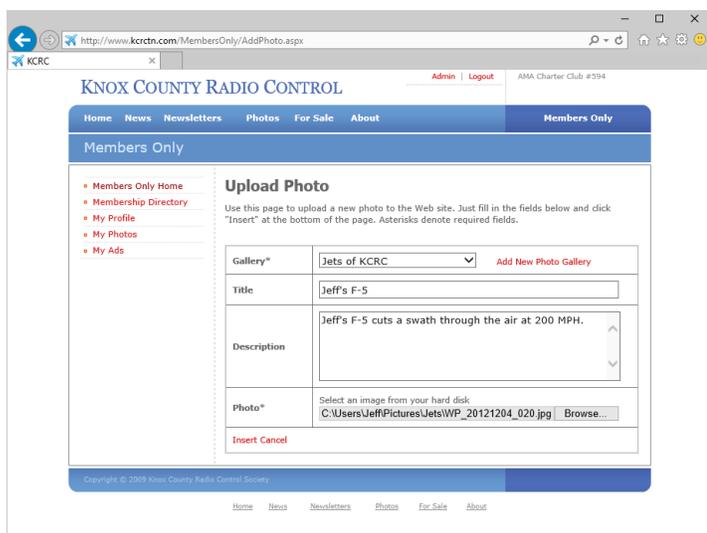
Getting the Most From the Web Site

Jeff Prosis, webmaster

As a member of KCRC, you can log in to the KCRC Web site at <http://www.kcrctn.com> and access features that are only available to club members. One of the capabilities you enjoy as a member is the ability to upload pictures to the site – pictures that are publicly viewable by anyone who cares to visit the site and click “Photos” near the top of the home page.

If you’ve never uploaded a picture to the Web site, it’s easy to do. Here are the steps:

1. Open the home page in your browser and click “Login” in the upper-right corner.
2. Enter your user name and password and log in to the site. (You should have been assigned a user name and password when you joined the club. If you did not, or if you’ve forgotten your password, contact a club officer.)
3. In the list of actions on the ensuing page, click “Upload a photo.”
4. On the Upload Photo page (pictured below), select the photo to upload, the gallery to upload it to, and optionally enter a title and description. Then click “Upload” to upload it to the site.



What is a gallery? On the site’s Photos page, a list of galleries appears on the left. A gallery is way of categorizing photos so the user isn’t left to wade through thousands of photos just to find the one he or she is looking for. When you upload a photo, you can add it to an existing gallery selected from the drop-down list of galleries, or you can click “Add New Photo Gallery” to create a gallery of your own. For example, I created a gallery named “Jets of KCRC,” and whenever I upload a picture of a jet, I add it to that gallery.

When you upload a photo, it’s tagged behind the scenes with your user credentials. You can later go back and edit or delete any photo you’ve uploaded, but other

club members can NOT edit or delete your photos. To see all the photos you’ve uploaded, simply click “My Photos” on the left side of the Members Only page.

Feel free to upload all the pictures you want. It’s one of the privileges of being a KCRC member...Jeff

SAFETY AT THE FIELD

Ed Dumas, KCRC Safety Officer

I want to thank Allan Valeo for his service as safety officer in 2015 and I would like to thank the membership for asking me to be their safety officer for the rest of the year. I will do my best to keep KCRC a safe and fun place to fly for everyone. If anyone has any concerns or suggestions for ways to improve things around the field that are safety related please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime.

In looking back at previous safety officer reports in the past newsletters I noticed a couple of things. First, the infrastructure that is in place to keep things safe around the field for the pilots and spectators seems to be in pretty good shape, thanks to the efforts of previous safety officers Jim Maines, Frank Allemand, and Ralph Colon and a host of other volunteers who have helped out. I'm thinking in particular about the helicopter and airplane safety fences, as well as the general condition of the grounds and the runway. I would also like to thank Allan Valeo for his observations he made at the field during his tenure as safety officer and I hope that folks have benefited from his observations. I know I have!

I was also thinking about a few simple things we can do everyday to keep our airplanes flying safely, such as performing a range check and checking the direction of all the control surfaces on our airplanes before flying. Remember when doing a range check that some transmitters (such as the ever-popular Spektrum DX 9) require the range test function to be selected from the main menu before pressing the trainer button. For several months I was just pressing the trainer button on my new DX 9 (as I had done on my old DX 7) until Rick Thompson pointed out one day that I needed to select the range test function under the main menu before pressing the button to get the reduced output power of the transmitter, otherwise I'm not really doing a range check! Thanks Rick!

I also make a habit of checking the rate and direction of every control surface before flying, every time, just in case. This is always a good habit and it would have saved me many models over the years had I been doing it all along. Also, always remember when setting up a new model to double-check the position of all the controls when you turn the transmitter off and re-bind the receiver if necessary to prevent controls such as

the throttle from running away if the transmitter signal is lost. These are small but important things to help us keep our models under control and flying safely. ...Ed ■

LENOIR CITY CRUISE IN

You might want to mark your calendar for Saturday, June 13th and drive to Lenoir City First Baptist Church on Simpson Road and attend their annual Cruise-in Antique Car show between the hours of 9AM to 1PM. There'll be more than old cars, trucks and other types of vehicles on display. Usually the Harriman Eagles, along with modelers from KCRC and the Blount County RC flyers will be showing models and demonstrating some pretty good flying. Also, there will be plenty of free food and entertainment as well as drawings for prizes going on all morning. In other words, a good time will be had by all.

A donation will be taken at the entrance to help defray costs.....Jim ■.

KCRC Meeting, May 12, 2015, 7:00pm

President **Ralph Holder** called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00pm.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented in the May Newsletter.

Joel Hebert presented the **Treasurer's Report**, which was approved.

There were no visitors. Phil Sherrod is a new member, but he left the field before the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Since May is Memorial Day Month, President Ralph Holder recognized the KCRC veterans present at the meeting: Phil Cope, Carroll Jernigan, and Phil Spelt.

Ralph noted the new trash cans hanging at the three center charging stations, as well as the large one in the pavilion.

We recognized Ed Dumas as the new safety Coordinator, after Allan Valeo's resignation.

Because Mr. Dishner is quite ill, we have identified a new tree climber/airplane rescuer – Paul Dunham. He has already retrieved a couple of planes.

Old Business

Contest Directors **Phil Spelt** and **Warren Oliver** talked about the Annual Ben Oliver Memorial Senior Pattern Association contest to be held May 16th and 17th.

They asked for helpers to help with running the contest, especially for registration early Saturday morning, and continuing through all day Saturday, and Sunday morning.

The field will close at noon on Friday to permit visiting competitors to practice. The field will reopen about 2:00pm Sunday.

Chairman Rick Thompson reported for the Bylaws Committee on the work they did. There are three changes to the Bylaws:(see letter following minutes)

1. **Article III: remove the words "by mail" and permit notification electronically, as well.**
2. **The Safety & Field Rules were removed from the Bylaws, to permit changing those rules without the long process of changing Bylaws.**
3. **The Treasurer's reporting format was changed to more properly reflect the way monies are reported to the Club, and to reflect better fiscal responsibility.**

A Poll Vote is currently under way to obtain the entire Club membership votes on these changes. An email can be sent to chuenkan@comcast.net (Secretary's email) or a letter can be sent to either the Secretary or Treasurer, indicating a Yea or Nay vote.

New Business

There was no new business.

Model of the Month

There were two contenders: Carroll Jernigan showed his kit-built electric Curtis JN-4 Jenny, and Bill Dodge presented his scratch-built Curare, powered by an OS .95 4-stroke engine. The Jenny won the MoM.

Crash of the Month

Carroll Jernigan put his Cruiser into a tree and Kevin Thomas did the same with his Park Zone P-47. There is some question about who claimed the honor for his crash.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Spelt, Secretary



Illustration 1: Carroll's Jenny won the MoM.



Illustration 2: Bill's Curare

ANNUAL SENIOR PATTERN CONTEST

The annual Ben Oliver Memorial SPA contest was held on May 16th and 17th at KCRC field. The weather was not altogether helpful, but 6 rounds of competition were flown by 18 contestants. CDs Warren Oliver and Phil Spelt kept things moving and managed the contest very nicely so that everybody seemed to have a good time in spite of a rain shower Saturday afternoon, and delayed start Sunday morning due to more rain.

At least one SPA contest has been held at KCRC every year since the birth of the Senior Pattern Association -- the first one being held in 1992 with Dennis Hunt as CD. KCRCers Ed Hartley and Dennis Hunt were heavily involved in the organizing of the SPA. Ben Oliver also became a fixture and almost never missed a contest. The contest was named in memory of Ben Oliver after he passed away in 2004.

KCRCer Jim Jones was also involved in SPA almost from the start and became a winner later in the history of SPA at KCRC. All four of these pioneers have now passed on but their legacy endures. Ben's son Warren and Phil Spelt carry on now as contest directors and SPA competitors. Phil Spelt has flown in SPA contests since the very first KCRC event....

Dear KCRCers:

As many of you already know, a Bylaws Committee chaired by Rick Thompson has prepared some revisions to our Bylaws which are being presented to the Membership for approval. The Executive Committee has already given unanimous approval to these changes. This process requires a Poll Vote of the entire membership. ; We will accomplish this by email for everyone except a small handful who do not have internet access. We will communicate with them via U. S. Postal Service.

Below, our President, Ralph Holder, has summarized the changes being proposed.

To vote via email:

Send an email to me at : chuenkan@comcast.net

The email should include your name (not just your email user name) and a word: Yea/Yes or Nay/No.

Or, you may attend the regular KCRC Club meeting at 7:00pm, Tuesday, June 9th, 2015, at our flying field and vote in person.....**Phil Spelt, KCRC Emeritus, Secretary**

" Listed below are changes that the Bylaws Committee has recommended to the club members at our Tuesday night meeting with unanimous support from

the Executive Team. **Please read and return your poll vote via email, prior to our next meeting or attend the June meeting to cast your vote.** This requires all our members to cast a "Yea" or "Nay" vote.

Attached is the revised copy of the bylaws for you to review. The current one is posted on our website. Changes needed:

1. ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES

Letter Notification after Bylaws Change

* Proposal: Simply omit the words "by letter" * Reason: Majority members have an electronic notification and saves time and cost for the club. 2. ARTICLE XV - FLYING SITE SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RULES -

Removal of Club Rules from within the Bylaw

* Proposal: Remove club rules from within the bylaws and let them stand alone.

* Reason: Change to the Bylaws is a long and cumbersome process. Placing the Club Flying Safety/Rules as a stand-alone, outside the bylaws, allows the club to be responsive to changing RC technology. (Drones, Heli's, Quads, 3D, etc)

3. ARTICLE II - OFFICE

* Proposal: Change Treasurer description to:

The Treasurer shall have charge of club funds, collect dues and other income, pay bills and provide financial reporting as prescribed in Article X below.

4. ARTICLE X - AUDITS

* Proposal: Remove "AUDITS" above and add, "TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT"

Add description how financial information is reported to the members. Making it transparent and simple to the members. (Please Read)

* Reason: Basically remove the concept and calculation of discretionary funds in both reporting and use in spending authorization. Replace financial reports with SIMPLE "Cash Basis, P&L Statement. (Please read and will understand)

I hope that all members will take the time and compare the needed changes and will support these changes. I ask all members to cast their vote in an affirmative way "YEA", as we move forward now and the future. We need for everyone to reply with a vote.....Ralph Holder, KCRC President...